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very suspicious that as I've listened to the various veto messages the items included in them that the Governor has very intentionally included items hoping that this body will override all. It's also my disappointment when I read, and I even get more disappointed when it is spread across the state through the media, how we are saddling the taxpayers in this case with a reduction ... or an additional \$37 million. I don't know how come we cannot separate out. In this case \$15 million of that is to be raised regardless. It's just a question of where it comes from, not whether it's going to be. That point seems seldom to get across. I guess the thing that really perplexes me is this morning, I assume it will be signed by the Governor, we passed legislation which had the potential of adding \$15 million to property taxes in 344. This afternoon we perhaps will vote to reduce the property taxes by \$15 million in state aid. Certainly it would be worse to have them increase \$30 million, which is really the alternative. Those who have advocated from time to time, that maybe the only way to resolve this problem is to really make it bad maybe have a point. Maybe the false profits that have existed on this issue will only be exposed when property tax continues to skyrocket because of those who refuse to recognize the inequities that exist not only in the tax system, but the inequities that exist because of the lack of quality and equal opportunity education for each child in the state. Again I guess in closing I would hope the body would vote to override this veto. As I started out, it's more in a position of knowing this is the right thing to do in the long run, although I'm not as sure that in the short run it will be the best way to totally resolve the question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank your Mr. President and members of Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. Some of the comments which have been made regarding LB 368 and 368A have been factual bits of information. Some of them, in my estimation, have not been. One letter of opposition to this proposal received by me said "Don't increase our taxes by \$15 million". The individual who wrote and said this to me simply does not understand that that same \$15 million for education will be spent whether we pass LB 368 or whether we sustain the Governor's veto. The question is not would you add to the tax dollar because we will not add to the tax dollar, not one penny, by passing this bill. We simply are saying the people who are paying property tax are carrying more than their share of the tax dollar for the support of activities within the borders of our state. Unfortunately, Nebraska does not have a very good rating when it comes to the percentage of state dollars spent for aid to public education. Long before I ran for this legislative seat I was vocal regarding the need for additional state aid to education. \$15 million may sound like a lot of dollars to the individual whose sitting on the sidelines, looking at the legislative body. It is simply one way to help avoid additional increases on our property tax next year for the support of public education. I urge you to help override the Governor's veto on LB 368.